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## Shelbyville Man Charged with Unlawful Possession of Firearms by a Convicted Felon

Springfield, Illinois – Rodger A. Heaton, United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois, announced that a federal grand jury has returned an indictment charging Kenneth "Randy" Shuff, age 45, of Shelbyville, Illinois with being a felon in possession of firearms.

According to the indictment, on or about April 29, 2005, in Shelbvyille, Illinois, Kenneth "Randy" Shuff, was found to be in possession of a .22 caliber Remington rifle, a 20 gauge Winchester shotgun and a .410 gauge Armsport shotgun, after having been convicted in Shelby County of the offense of Unlawful Use of Weapons in 1998.

A summons will be issued for Shuff to appear in federal court in Springfield.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment is merely an accusation; the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

If convicted, the offense of being a being a felon in possession of a firearm carries a penalty of up to 10 years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$250,000.

The charge is the result of an investigation by the Shelby County Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Assistant U.S. Attorney Gregory M. Gilmore is prosecuting the case.